

# MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL COMMISSION MEETING

September 13, 2016

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- A. The Georgia Structural Pest Control Commission convened at 9:30 a.m. in Room 201 of the Agriculture Building on September 13, 2016. The following commission members were present: Chris Gorecki, Chair, Derrick Lastinger, Vice-chair, Kim Bragg, Dr. Brian Forschler, Bodine Sinyard (by phone) and Greg Holley.
- B. Also in attendance were representatives with the Georgia Department of Agriculture, GPCA and CPCO representatives, registrants and other members of the pest management industry.
- C. Motion was made by Mr. Holley to approve the minutes of the August meeting. Dr. Forschler seconded the motion and motion passed.
- D. The Commission approved company license applications (see Attachment 2).
- E. Dr. Forschler provided the UGA update including a discussion about the fall workshops at the Griffin training center. Mr. Lastinger discussed a recent effort to update the regulatory sessions that are currently a part of each workshop. This effort focused on making the sessions more interactive, effective and consistent.
- F. Mr. Lastinger provided the Department update. He mentioned that a Georgia Clean Day event will take place at the Cordele State Farmer's Market on September 30. Pre-registration by September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 is required to participate. The Georgia national fair is next month and GDA will be present at many of the scheduled events. Ms. Kuriatnyk noted that DPH will be partnering with the Georgia Rural Healthy Homes Advisory to promote healthy homes for all Georgians through various activities and topics including Pest Day. She is coordinating a bug day with Jennifer Wren. Mr. Lastinger discussed the Bed Bug Outreach publication project and noted that the publication is in final review. He also noted an article in the Market Bulletin about the avian influenza and biosecurity. The article reminds poultry growers that controlling insects and rodents at all times is necessary for flock protection.
- G. Mr. Lastinger provided the program update. He announced that Public Notice 16-06 was recently posted regarding the location of the October meeting. The meeting will be held at Lake Blackshear conference center in Cordele.
- H. Ms. Jennifer Wren discussed the Georgia School IPM project. She noted that there was a recent comment period that ended last Friday. Nine groups of comments have been received and others will be accepted until the publication is finalized later in the month. She appreciated those that reviewed the draft document and provided comments. All comments are being reviewed by the authors and edits will continue until complete.
- I. Mrs. Fralick provided the legislative update.
- J. Mr. Rick Bell provided the NPMA update. He noted that U.S. EPA will soon release the synthetic pyrethroid risk assessments and new mitigation measures. He also noted that

U.S. EPA's final version of the new certification and training rules will also be released by the end of the year.

- K. Mr. Gorecki mentioned his attendance to the ASCPRO conference last month in Sante Fe, New Mexico. He noted that there were many great presentations and topics. He thanked Mr. Lastinger and the committees for their work.
- L. Mr. Lastinger discussed rulemaking regarding soil applied products for subterranean termites. The intent of this rulemaking is to consider options to allow new treatment technologies. He provided the following background information:
  - Termidor HE is currently approved in Georgia and accepted for use under the defined soil treatment rule for subterranean termite control. Since being registered and accepted in May 2013, the SPCC issued Notice 15-03 to further clarify the use for post-construction treatment for the control and prevention of subterranean termites.
  - GPCA submitted a public request for rulemaking on August 31, 2015. This request for rulemaking recommended that the Commission amend the rules *allowing the use of new technology by adjusting the minimum standard treatment language*.
  - The SPCC has discussed the need to consider a WDO rule change to allow new technology which would offer PMP's more management options to offer to Georgia consumers.
  - In July 2002, GPCA requested rulemaking to allow for new termite management products. The SPCC responded by amending the rules to accommodate changes in technology and provide clarification. These rules became effective February 2003.

Mr. Lastinger discussed the current Rule 620-2-.01 which defines alternate application technique as a method of application of termiticide which has been approved by the Commission; and has efficacy data supporting the use of such application technique reviewed and accepted by the Commission; and which is used in a manner consistent with the label and labeling of the termiticide being applied. Rule 620-6-.04 allows the Commission to approve an alternate application technique as a control method as a standard for subterranean termite control for treatment. The Commission discussed the current rule and if rule amendments were needed.

Mr. Gorecki and Mr. Jim Wright with BASF discussed the South Carolina rule that was adopted in 2004 that allows for a less than a full conventional liquid termiticide treatment as described in the South Carolina standards for post construction treatments. Mr. Gorecki also noted that North Carolina and Oklahoma are in rulemaking to address the non-conventional use patterns of the BASF products.

Mr. Gorecki suggested that the Commission also consider amending the comprehensive and defined soil termiticide application standards to refer to the termiticide label for how to treat required treatment locations such as the foundation trenching and treatment requirement.

The Commission discussed these options and would like to see an alternate application technique draft rule that specifies locations to be treated as a standard but refers to the label for treatment method and requirements.

M. Mr. Lastinger motioned that GDA review and respond to the certification exam applications due to the scheduling of another meeting following the Commission meeting. Mr. Holley seconded the motion and motion passed.

N. Meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1	Agenda
Attachment 2	New Company Licenses

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Chris Gorecki, Chairman

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Commissioner Gary W. Black, Secretary

## Agenda

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**Open** –Chairman Gorecki

**Minutes**

**Old Business**

**New Business**

- a. New Company Applications
- b. UGA Urban Entomology Update –Dr. Forschler
- c. Georgia Department of Agriculture
  - Department Update – Tommy Gray
  - Program Update – Derrick Lastinger
- d. Georgia School IPM Project Update – Jenny Wren
- e. Public Notice 16-02
- f. Rulemaking
- g. Legislative update – Lauren Fralick
- h. NPMA update – Rick Bell
- i. Certification Examination Application Review

**Adjournment**

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**Company License Applications & Company Name Change Requests**

The Commission approved the following applications:

- Hawkeye Pest Solutions-Rockmart
- MainSource Pest Control-Loganville
- Blackwater Consulting Services-Orangeburg, SC

The Commission approved the following applications pending additional information:

- People's Pest Control, LLC.-DeKalb County (Insurance)
- Crawford Pest Control-Cobb County (Insurance)

The Commission did not approved the following appliations

- Budget Pest.net-LaGrange
- Aptive Environmental (100312) to Aptive Environmental DBA Aptive (name change)